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Applicants:	Liu et al.		
Serial No.:	09/831,765	Case No:	20351P
Filed:	May 11, 2001		
For:	<i>DNA MOLECULES ENCODING HG51, A G PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR</i>		

Art Unit:
1646

Examiner:
J. F. Murphy

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, please consider the following remarks. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

MERCK & CO., INC.

BY: Linda A Hudak DATE: 3/7/03